

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for storing and retrieving digital media, comprising the steps of:
 - receiving a digital media from a sending device of a user by a service provider that was sent over a communication network, said service provider having a database having a plurality of customer accounts for storing of digital media with respect to said associated customer accounts;
 - examining a message associated with said digital media that has been forwarded from said first device so as to obtain a sender ID;
 - searching said database to determine if said ID is associated with one of said customer accounts;
 - forwarding said digital media to said database if said associated customer account exists and associating said digital images with said associated customer account; and
 - establishing a temporary account if no associated customer account exists and storing said digital media in said database and associating said stored digital media with said temporary account; and associating a PIN with respect to said temporary account and forwarding said PIN to the user for use in accessing said stored digital media.
2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the PIN is sent to the user via the sending device.
3. The method according to claim 2 wherein said sending device comprises a wireless device
4. The method according to claim 3 wherein said wireless device is digital media capture device.
5. The method according to claim 3 wherein said wireless device comprises a phone camera.

6. The method according to claim 1 wherein said sending device comprise a personal computer.

7. The method according to claim 1 wherein said ID comprises at least one of the following:

- phone number of said sending device;
- e-mail address of the sending device;
- phone number of the user;
- e-mail address of the user;
- unique ID of the sending device;
- unique ID of the user.

8. The method according to claim 1 wherein a text message including said PIN number is sent to the sending device.

9. The method according to claim 1 wherein a text message including said PIN number is sent to the user.

10. The method according to claim 1 wherein said user uses said PIN number for accessing said digital media stored in said temporary account.

11. The method according to claim 10 wherein said user establishes a permanent customer account.

12. The method according to claim 1 wherein said forwarding of said digital media is accomplished by use of e-mail.

13. The method according to claim 1 wherein said forwarding of said digital media is accomplished by use of multimedia message service (MMS).

14. The method according to claim 1 wherein said digital media is sent to an e-mail address of said service provider.

15. The method according to claim 1 wherein said digital media is sent over at least two different times.

16. The method according to claim 1 wherein said message being examined includes a message header.

17. The method according to claim 1 wherein said digital media comprises a digital image.

18. The method according to claim 1 wherein said digital media comprises a video clip.

19. The method according to claim 1 wherein said digital media comprises text.

20. A computer software program for use on a computer of a service provider, said computer associated with a database having a plurality of customer accounts, said software program when loaded on said computer allows said computer to perform the steps of:

receiving a digital media from a sending device of a user over a communication network and storing said digital media on a database, said database having a plurality of customer accounts, said database capable of storing and associating digital media with respect to each of said customers accounts;

examining a message associated with said digital media that has been forwarded from said first device so as to obtain a sender ID;

searching said database to determine if said ID is associated with one of said customer accounts;

forwarding said digital media to said database if said associated customer account exists and associating said digital images with said associated customer account; and

establishing a temporary account if no associated customer account exists and storing said digital media in said database and associating said stored digital media with said temporary account; and associating a PIN with respect to said temporary account and forwarding said PIN to the user for use in accessing said stored digital media.

21. A computer software program according to claim 20 wherein the PIN is sent to the user via the sending device.

22. A computer software program according to claim 21 wherein said sending device comprises a wireless device

23. A computer software program according to claim 22 wherein said wireless device is digital media capture device.

24. A computer software program according to claim 22 wherein said wireless device comprises a phone camera.

25. A computer software program according to claim 20 wherein said sending device comprise a personal computer.

26. A computer software program according to claim 20 wherein said ID comprises at least one of the following:

- phone number of said sending device;
- e-mail address of the sending device;
- phone number of the user;
- e-mail address of the user;
- unique ID of the sending device;
- unique ID of the user.

27. A computer software program according to claim 20 wherein a text message including said PIN number is sent to the sending device.

28. A computer software program according to claim 20 wherein a text message including said PIN number is sent to the user.

29. A computer software program according to claim 20 wherein said user uses said PIN number for accessing said digital media stored in said temporary account.

30. A computer software program according to claim 29 wherein said user establishes a permanent customer account.

31. A computer software program according to claim 20 wherein said forwarding of said digital media is accomplished by use of e-mail.

32. A computer software program according to claim 20 wherein said forwarding of said digital media is accomplished by use of multimedia message service (MMS).

33. A computer software program according to claim 20 wherein said digital media is sent to an e-mail address of said service provider.

34. A computer software program according to claim 20 wherein said digital media is sent over at least two different times.

35. A computer software program according to claim 20 wherein said message being examined includes a message header.

36. A computer software program according to claim 20 wherein said digital media comprises a digital image.

37. A computer software program according to claim
20 wherein said digital media comprises a video clip.

38. A computer software program according to claim
20 wherein said digital media comprises text.